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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FSO'S TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

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1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO RECONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS
DESCRIBED IN SERIES OF CABLES CONCERNING FORTHCOMING VISIT
TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON BY FSO'S HOUGHTON AND MACK:

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2. ASSUMING HOUGHTON AND MACK HAVE ARRIVED AT LARNACA ON

THURSDAY EVENING AS PLANNED, EMBASSY NICOSIA SHOULD FLASH BEIRUT (INFO DEPARTMENT) AS OF 0900 LOCAL ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, THAT THE PARTY INTENDS TO PROCEED AS PLANNED ON BOAT TRIP COMMENCING 1600 LATER THAT DAY. AT THAT POINT, BEIRUT WOULD SEND MESSAGES TO CHRISTIAN CONTACTS AND FSL, AS INSTRUCTED SEPTTEL.

3. AS SOON AS VESSEL CARRYING THE PARTY DEPARTS AT ABOUT 1600 AUGUST 20, EMBASSY NICOSIA SHOULD CABLE OY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE THIS FACT TO ALL ACTION AND INFO ADDRESSEES THIS CABLE. NICOSIA'S CABLE WILL PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBASSY BEIRUT TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER KARAME AT OPENING OF BUSINESS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, THAT OUR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO JOUNIEH FOR A TEMPORARY VISIT, DRAWING ON

INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN SECTOS 21002 AND 21003. DRAWING ON SAME GUIDANCE, MIDDLE EAST ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SOME TIME ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.

4. LONDON AND PARIS: DRAWING ON PRESS GUIDANCE (SECTO 21002), YOU MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS ON SATURDAY OF THE VISIT. KISSINGER

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